

WATCHERS TO AID STRIKERS

MRS. BELMONT AND MISS MORGAN HEAD THE MOVEMENT

On a Committee Which Calls for Volunteers From Columbia, Barnard and Y. M. C. A. to Be Ready to Testify for Walmakers—Welcome to Prisoners.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and Miss Anne Morgan attended yesterday afternoon a conference between officers of the walmakers' union, the Women's Trade Union League, several lawyers and others to settle on a definite plan of giving the strike pickets legal aid. The meeting was held in the rooms of the Women's Trade Union League, 43 East Twenty-second street. The conference was a prolonged one and a complete plan was agreed on, to which Mrs. Belmont and Miss Morgan gave their approval. The following statement was given out on behalf of the conference later:

"A conference between the business manager of the Shirtwaist Makers Union and representatives of the Women's Trade Union League was held at the latter's headquarters, 43 East Twenty-second street, at 8:30 P. M. Sunday, at which the attorneys who are to take charge of the defense of the pickets of the strikers were present as well as Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Miss Anne Morgan and other invited guests. The object of the conference was to consider means of providing adequate legal defense and bail when required for representatives of the union who are prosecuted in the Magistrate's courts.

"It was reported by attorneys who have investigated the conditions before the Magistrates that in many cases no witnesses were present for the defense except the persons charged with the offense, while the employers always see that witnesses for the prosecution are abundant.

"Under these circumstances great abuses are safely practised by the employers and their hired guards, and there is virtually no recourse as well as no possibility of effective defense against false charges.

"A committee of ladies was formed to deal with this matter composed of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Miss Anne Morgan, Miss Helen Marot, Mrs. Frank H. Colburn, Miss Mary E. Dwyer, Miss Violet Pike, Miss Woorhoffer and Mrs. Eva McDonald Valesh, who have sent out a call for volunteer watchers to keep in the neighborhood of the pickets of the shirtwaist makers' union, to report upon the facts concerning unlawful and unwarranted arrests and be ready to testify on behalf of law-abiding and orderly pickets.

"This force of watchers will be under the direction of Mrs. Eva McDonald Valesh, for several years past a general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, with headquarters in Washington, and also associate editor of their official organ, the *Federationist*.

"Volunteers to act as watchers, both men and women, are sought, especially among consumers and classes of the community which are not partisan in this strike. Members of the union which are on strike will not be accepted, and watchers will be strictly forbidden to take any part in the picketing.

"All volunteers are invited to report to Mrs. Valesh, who will have her headquarters at the office of the Women's Trade Union League, 43 East Twenty-second street. The committee makes a special request for volunteers from young men of Columbia, young women of Barnard, members of the Young Men's Christian Association and all citizens interested in fair play, orderly behavior and just conditions.

"Lawyer Miles M. Dawson, who was present at the conference, agreed to take charge of a corps of volunteer lawyers to look after the interests of the arrested pickets. He will assign counsel to the various cases.

"It is possible that we may have daily conferences," he said. "One of our objects will be to look out for disinterested witnesses on behalf of the arrested pickets. We found it necessary to have some system, as there are three day courts and one night court in Manhattan and a court in Brooklyn to cover daily. The first thing we shall do will be to reduce the whole thing to a system. We shall have competent lawyers familiar with police court work."

Mrs. Valesh, who will have charge of all volunteer pickets, will still keep her commission as organizer of the American Federation of Labor. Instead of Washington headquarters will be in this city.

Miss Violet Pike of the executive committee, who was arrested late on Saturday afternoon and was discharged in the night court, her release not taking place until 2:30 A. M. yesterday, was at the conference. She said that she spent most of the time after her arrest in a pen attached to the Jefferson Market police court in company with twenty other women prisoners.

"It was a dreary time," she said. "I was arrested at 5 P. M. on Saturday afternoon for doing nothing that the law forbade me to do, and while I expected to be discharged it was finally set free. It seemed to me to be as many days."

Five girl pickets who have served sentences of five days each at the workhouse will come from Blackwell's Island this morning. Miss Dreier, who is president of the Women's Trade Union League, made the announcement that a demonstration in their honor will be given at the pier, foot of East Twenty-sixth street, at 9 A. M. to-day, when the Blackwell's Island boats come in.

"The five pickets will get a great reception," said Miss Dreier. "Thousands of women strikers will be there to greet them and assure them of their appreciation of the sacrifices they have made."

Mrs. Belmont, who arrived soon after 8 o'clock at the night court on Saturday night, stayed to the very end of the second morning when at 2:40 yesterday morning Magistrate Butts signed her bail bond for four of the girls. The four were brought before the Magistrate on a charge of disorderly conduct. At the request of the lawyers the cases were all adjourned until Monday and bail was fixed at \$100 in each case. Mrs. Belmont

MADRIZ ENTERS MANAGUA

ZELAYA ELEMENT HAIL HIM AS PRESIDENT DESIGNATE

He Seems to Be a Mere Figurehead for the Dictator—Mexican Minister Expects Him—Police Nearly Start a Fight—Will Estrada Accept Him?

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 19.—Dr. José Madriz, to whom the Congress has offered the Presidency in succession to J. Santos Zelaya, arrived here to-day from Costa Rica by way of Corinto. When he arrived at the latter place he was received with the Presidential salute, and was welcomed by delegates from the National Assembly and by Zelaya supporters from various towns. This latter fact proves, if any doubt existed, that Dr. Madriz will prove little more than a puppet of the late President.

A large crowd thronged the streets of Managua to see if nor to welcome the President-designate. In the crowd were large numbers of the fellow townsmen of Dr. Madriz, whose home is at Leon. The Mexican Minister accompanied Dr. Madriz from the wharf to his hotel.

The police and soldiers on duty were filled with the importance of the occasion and they handled the crowd rather roughly. This caused some protests couched in very vigorous Spanish, which evidently frightened Dr. Madriz's friends. They acted as though they thought an attack was going to be made on him, and a number of them drew revolvers and threatened to kill any one who interfered with him.

There was at no time the slightest indication of animosity toward Dr. Madriz, although it can be said that a great number of the people of this province do not look upon his accession to the Presidency with any degree of complacency. They believe that he has simply had the office given to him in order to carry out the "My policies" of Zelaya.

Dr. Madriz announced that he was prepared to accept the honor that Congress had conferred upon him, that he would administer the office in a spirit of fairness and justice to all, and would use his best efforts to advance the interests of Nicaragua both at home and abroad.

He declared that he did not intend to be President of any particular section of the country, but of the entire republic, which indicates that he does not purpose to allow Gen. Estrada to establish an independent republic along the Atlantic coast.

There is great interest here in the plans of Gen. Estrada, now that events have resulted in a change in the Presidency. It is stated that Dr. Madriz sent an envoy to consult with the revolutionary leaders at Bluefields. He was not allowed to land. Gen. Estrada notifying him that he had no desire to hold any conferences with him.

In some quarters this is taken to mean that Gen. Estrada now intends to turn the revolution against Dr. Madriz and continue his efforts to gain the Presidency himself, looking to the United States to support his pretensions.

Official advice is anxiously awaited indicating the attitude the United States will assume toward Dr. Madriz, who is himself doubtful as to what that attitude will be.

BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 19.—The United States gunboat Eagle arrived here this morning.

The notification of the American Consul addressed to Gen. Vasquez, who commands the Zelayist troops at Rama, regarding the decision of Commander Shipley of the cruiser Des Moines not to permit any fighting at Bluefields was not delivered, as the bearer of the communication found that Gen. Vasquez is en route to the interior unaccompanied by either his command or his staff.

It is stated here that the delay of the Zelayists in attacking the insurgents at Rama is due to the strongly fortified positions held by the latter. It is believed that Gen. Estrada will now immediately attack the Zelayists.

It is reported that an official commanding 800 Zelayists is ready to join Gen. Estrada the moment he is assured that Zelaya has resigned.

According to the sentiment here the acceptance of Dr. Madriz as provisional President is impossible. The entire sentiment of this part of the republic is favorable to Gen. Estrada.

BLACK HAND AFTER CANDLER

Blackest Man in Georgia Goes Constantly Under Guard

ATLANTA, Dec. 19.—Because of Black Hand letters threatening death to himself and his family unless he gives \$50,000, Asa G. Candler, president of the Central Bank and Trust Corporation, and the richest man in Georgia, has become so alarmed that he has employed officers to guard his home and has a messenger out unaccompanied by detectives.

For four days Candler has been receiving these letters and they have become more and more threatening. Each letter told Candler where to leave the \$50,000 and he was informed that he need not try to call upon the police as the telephone wires had been cut. Investigation showed that the wires had been cut.

The letter said that there was a Black Hand band in Georgia and that the members headed money and did not want to shed blood to get it, but if the money was not forthcoming Mr. Candler and his entire family would be killed.

It was added that as Candler is immensely rich he ought not to mind giving \$50,000.

Detectives at work on the case have arrested J. H. Burbage on suspicion, but although Burbage is looked up Candler continues to receive the letters. Burbage was found near the entrance to the Candler Building, to which he had followed Candler. He is being held pending further investigation. The detectives admit, however, that they have no evidence against Burbage.

This is the second attempt to Black Hand Candler. The first one, made about a year ago, was unsuccessful and resulted in the arrest of the sender of the letters.

In the first case the attempt at blackmail was made by D. W. Johnson, an eighteen-year-old boy, who was a member of Candler's Sunday school class. Johnson was arrested but was released on bond, which he forfeited and fled from Atlanta.

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BAXTER, KNIGHT ERRANT

He Gives a Shivering Woman His Fur Coat—She Tries to Steal It

Irving V. Baxter, an attorney who lives at the New York Athletic Club, walking down Eighth avenue last night about 11 o'clock, was approached by a neatly dressed woman who wore no hat or coat. She was suffering from the cold.

The woman asked Mr. Baxter to advance money for a night's lodging. She said that she lived at 218 East Eighty-ninth street and had been forced to leave her home in the afternoon because of quarrel with her husband. She said she had no friends to whom she might go and had wandered about the streets all afternoon and evening.

Mr. Baxter was so impressed by the woman's story that he took off his fur lined overcoat and put it on her. Then he accompanied her to a hotel, explained matters to the clerk and offered to pay for a room for her. The clerk refused to let her register.

Mr. Baxter attempted to get her into two other hotels, but finally after he had walked some time without his overcoat he arranged with a hotel at Twenty-eighth street and Sixth avenue to put her up.

In the lobby after he had paid her bill in advance he asked for his overcoat. The woman replied that the coat was her father's and that she was wearing it because she had left home in such a hurry that she could not find her own wraps.

Mr. Baxter vainly remonstrated. The woman called the police and Mr. Baxter and the woman were taken to the Tenderloin station.

Mr. Baxter told his story to Lieut. Gillhoolley. The lieutenant asked the woman to give the coat to Mr. Baxter. She refused, and the coat had to be taken from her.

In her pocket was a letter addressed to Mr. Baxter. He produced other letters of identification and got his coat. He left the station saying that it was the last time he would attempt to help a person out of trouble.

The woman said she was Mrs. Mary Mulchay, 29 years old, living with her husband and child at 718 East Eighty-ninth street. She was looked up charged with intoxication.

WILLARD MAKES CONDITIONS

Will Head B. & O. if His Terms Are Accepted by the Board

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—Daniel Willard, second vice-president and general manager of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, has conditionally accepted the presidency of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to succeed Oscar G. Murray.

What conditions Mr. Willard imposed have not been made public, although it is believed they are such that they will not be conceded by the controlling interests in the road.

It is further understood that President Murray has placed his resignation in the hands of the board of directors, but as yet it has not been acted upon. It is likely that the change of head of the system will be made about January 1 and that it will be followed by other important changes.

The report that First Vice-President George F. Randolph would follow his chief in severing his connection with the Baltimore and Ohio is again current.

Both President Murray and Vice-President Randolph are traffic experts, and to them is given the lion's share of the credit for the immense tonnage moved over the system since they became identified with it.

Besides their business relations they are close personally and this fact doubtless is responsible in a measure for the report that Mr. Randolph contemplates resigning.

Mr. Willard spent several days in New York last week conferring with the New York interests in the property and at this conference the position of president was formally tendered and conditionally accepted.

SUICIDE WAS G. A. FEIGENSPAN

Former Brewer's Ill Health Caused Him to Disappear and Kill Himself

The body of the man who committed suicide in a hotel at 9 Exchange Place, Jersey City, on Saturday afternoon by shooting himself through the head with a revolver, as he sat on the edge of a bed in room 23, was identified yesterday as Hughes's morgue as that of Gustav A. Feigenspan, 54 years old, of Pine Lawn, L. I., a brother of the late Christian W. Feigenspan, head of the Feigenspan Brewing Company in Newark.

The identification was made by Frederick A. Treiber, son-in-law of the dead man, who lives at 138 Palladium avenue, Jersey City. Feigenspan formerly owned what is known as the Frank Brewery at Evergreen, L. I. He sold the plant twenty years ago and later acquired 500 acres of farm lands at Pine Lawn, about thirty miles from Long Island City, which he had been planning to dispose of. In his pocket after his death was found an unsigned letter dated September 29, 1909, addressed to J. M. H. of the Long Island State Hospital offering 500 acres of this property as a site for a State hospital at an average price of \$500 an acre.

Feigenspan had been suffering from a tumor of the stomach. It is believed that constant worry produced mental derangement. Four weeks ago he disappeared after visiting the office of the Feigenspan Brewing Company in Newark and since then his relatives have been searching for him. Feigenspan lived at Pine Lawn with his second wife. He also leaves two sons and a daughter.

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DOG LET BURGLARS ROB

WAGGED HIS TAIL WHILE THEY TOOK JEWELS, GOWNS, FURS

So It Seems From Mrs. Respass's Story of a \$12,000 Theft—Her Room Despoiled While Butler and Maid Slept Watch. She Says—No Traces.

Don, who is a black bulldog, able, you would think, to take care of any two burglars of reasonable size, played his mistress, Mrs. Jessie G. Respass, a shabby trick last Friday night. Mrs. Respass, who owns and lives in the house at 119 West 117th street, went to the theatre and left Don behind to guard \$12,000 worth of jewelry and furs and dresses. When she returned the jewelry and furs and dresses were gone and Don was wagging his tail as if nothing had happened.

Mrs. Respass came to New York from Atlanta about six years ago after her husband had died and left her considerable money. A good deal of her property she put in diamonds and jewelry of one kind or another because, as she said yesterday, she thought it was safer. For four or five years she has let rooms in her home to business acquaintances.

The servants in the house were William Hundley, the negro butler; Hundley's wife, Mrs. Respass's maid and a cook.

Mrs. Respass's mother came to New York from Atlanta two weeks ago and stayed until last Wednesday. Mrs. Respass had been discreet about showing her collection of jewelry, but as she was anxious to let her mother see and wear some of the finer pieces she got into the habit of letting the jewel case lie on the dresser in her bedroom.

She also kept her jewelry in a box in the closet. On Friday night she went to a theatre in Harlem with a friend, leaving Hundley, the butler, and Don, the bulldog, to take care of the house. She didn't have much fear of burglars because Don didn't like strangers, and Hundley had been with her so long that she couldn't doubt his faithfulness. It was a little past 11 o'clock when she got home and went straight to her bedroom.

She noticed instantly that the sliding door of the bedroom was ajar, but the fact that Don was lying on a rug within a few feet of the door, and that he had dispelled her uneasiness for the time, the room seemed to be in perfect order until she opened a closet to put away her sealskin coat. Then she saw that a set of emeralds were not where they should have been, and that three tailor made dresses and a tailor made coat were gone.

Mrs. Respass ran to her dresser and opened the jannaned box in which she kept her jewelry. It was empty. After she got over the shock of the discovery she called up Police Headquarters, where sent Capt. Barnett of the Harlem detective bureau and a pair of detectives to her house.

The captain and the detectives examined the house within and without as minutely as they could that night, and the next day they went over the place again. There was not a scratch on lock, window or door, nothing to show how burglars might have got in. The house was searched carefully, but the police couldn't find what Mrs. Respass lost.

"I don't want to overstate the value of my jewelry or of the clothing that was stolen," she said last night. "But I suppose that \$12,000 is a fair estimate of what the things were worth. My jewel case was packed full of rings, brooches, pins, necklaces, chateaus and trinkets of different kinds. Some of them I had had a good many years. Some of the more valuable pieces I bought in the last few years."

There was a pearl necklace worth, I suppose, \$1,000. At least I paid that for it. One of the pieces I thought most of was a brooch, a big sapphire surrounded with diamonds, which cost \$2,000. I was told that there was only one other brooch in New York like it, one owned by Mrs. Frank Tilford. There were half a dozen diamond rings, several scarfpins, a watch set with diamonds, two gold chateaus bags that I valued at \$800. The police have a list of the stolen articles that covers two pages of letter paper.

The emeralds set was an old one, but still good, and I can't say quite how much it was worth. The tailor made dresses were new and so was the tailor made coat. It was a mercy that I left one closet locked. It contained some of my nicest dresses.

"They just took all I had in the way of jewelry," continued Mrs. Respass, "except the pieces I am wearing now." And she displayed a ring of three large diamonds, a marquise diamond ring and her pearl earrings. They sparkled under the gaslight.

THOMAS B. DENNIS KILLED

Wealthy Mount Holly Man Dashed Against a Tree in an Auto Accident

BURLINGTON, N. J., Dec. 19.—Thomas B. Dennis, a wealthy Mount Holly wholesaler liquor dealer and widely known sportsman, was killed on the outskirts of this city this afternoon when his automobile, speeding at sixty miles an hour, hit a tree and the five occupants of the car were hurled in the air.

William Barry of Jobstown, who was acting as chauffeur for Dennis, and Bert Goldman of Burlington were badly injured, while the other occupants, Lawrence Ashby and Edward Miller of Burlington, escaped with a few bruises. The accident happened on the Columbus road half a mile from the eastern city limits.

The party was starting for an afternoon drive on the outskirts of Dennis, who had earlier in the day driven his car to Burlington, picked up his friends and taken them for an afternoon ride. None of the survivors can account for the accident clearly. Barry, who was driving, says the car became unmanageable and before he could stop the machinery it had veered to the side of the road and hit between two trees.

Dennis was thrown head first over the hood and dashed against a tree trunk. His death was evidently instantaneous. The other occupants of the car landed on soft ground.

PRINCESS FIGHTS MAL DE MER

Anna of Lowenstein-Wertheim Patents Plans for Self-Adjusting Berths. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Princess Anna of Lowenstein-Wertheim has patented under the name of Karma an invention to prevent seasickness by keeping the berths horizontal however the ship may roll. The balance is maintained by gimbels similar to those in use in marine compasses, but the Princess also employs magnets and electricity.

She believes the principle is adaptable to guns on warships and to operating tables in hospital ships.

CARTWRIGHT UNDER SHERIFF

And Chilvers' Sheriff's Counsel—Both Republican District Leaders

Two of the fattest jobs that Sheriff-elect John S. Shea has at his disposal have gone to Republican district leaders. John B. Cartwright, leader of the Twenty-eighth, has been selected as under sheriff at a salary of \$5,000 a year, and William Chilvers, leader of the Twenty-ninth, will be counsel to the Sheriff at \$4,000 a year.

Cartwright, the under sheriff, is 35 years old and lives at 165 East 118th street. He has been deputy clerk in the United States District Clerk's office for eight years. He organized the naturalization bureau there and has been in charge of it.

Mr. Chilvers is a member of the firm of Chilvers & Thompson, 35 Nassau street. He was admitted to the bar in 1901. From 1905 to 1907 he was Deputy Attorney-General under Julius Mayer. Chilvers succeeded John Henry Hammond as leader of the "slit sticking" district.

Mr. Hammett has made a number of suggestions to Sheriff-elect Shea in regard to appointments, but it is understood that the Civic Alliance candidate has not been as persistent with the Sheriff as he was with the District Attorney-elect. Shea has a good many more appointments to make.

SICK OF THE COOK INQUIRY

Some Copenhagen Professors Wish to Drop It, but Stroemgren Keeps On. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 19.—The university, the press and the public are thoroughly sick of the cook question. It is understood that the university authorities desire that the whole inquiry be given up. Prof. Stroemgren, however, is eager to continue the investigation.

He will endeavor to obtain further evidence.

FIRE AT SLIPPERY DICK'S

Old Mansion, New Vacant, Damaged—Barnyard Fire Horse Has to Be Killed

An old Colonial mansion at 1823 street and Northern avenue, once the home of Richard Connolly, a politician in the days of Tweed, was damaged by fire early yesterday afternoon.

The house has been vacant for several years. It is supposed that the fire was started by tramps. News that the old dwelling was burning spread rapidly and groups of old timers collected in the yard to look on.

Hook and Ladder Truck 34, driven by John Curry, was on the way to the fire when the chain bit of the high horse broke. The horses ran away and crashed through a plate glass window of a store on Depot lane near Broadway. One of the horses was so badly cut up that it had to be shot. Another was obtained and the truck got to the fire in time to help prevent the building from being destroyed.

TUG FLIES SUFFRAGETTE FLAG

"Votes for Women" Trails Over Capt. Dave Beach in Three Waters

Capt. Dave Beach, commodore of the Mutual Towing Company's fleet and skipper of the tug John J. Timmins, startled his fellow navigators and the harbor generally yesterday by flying the pennant of the suffragist navy; at least that is what Capt. Dave says it is. It is yellow and has the motto, running from staff to the point of the pennant, "Votes for women."

Capt. Dave, who is often reticent, gave no explanation to his brother pilots who shouted to him from their togs. It is known that Capt. Dave is an admirer of the sex, regardless of their political or theological views. His friends hinted that he might be flying the flag for a consideration, as he is not lacking in commercial sentiment.

THE CORINTHIAN ON A REEF

Allan Line Steamer Grounds at High Water Leaving Halifax Harbor

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 19.—The Allan Line steamer Corinthian, Capt. Rennie, bound for Havre and London, went ashore yesterday on George's Island, one of the forts in this harbor, as she was starting on her voyage.

The channel is a quarter of a mile wide, but the Corinthian in avoiding a schooner ahead of her touched a reef running out from the island and grounded. It was high water at the time, and the steamer was unable to get off. She failed again at high water to-day, though assisted by four tugs.

The ship will be lighted to-morrow and another attempt made to pull her off. She has over 7,000 tons of cargo and a passenger list of twenty-five. She is in a safe position and it is only a question of time when she will get off.

The Corinthian was built at Belfast in 1880. The captain says that if he had not veered off as he did the schooner would have been cut down.

NONRAIL RIGHTS SOLD

German Newspaper and British Government Buy From Inventor Brennan

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Daily Mail announces that Mr. Brennan has sold his rights for Germany in the gyroscopic gyroscope to Herr Scherl of the Voestlae Zeilung and will also permit the sale of manufactured engines in the United States.

He has also assigned the British rights to the army and navy for a small royalty in consideration of the financial assistance he received from the Government during his experiments.

DENNY'S WINNER FOR MILLION GIFTS

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Daily Mail says that Mr. Denny has won the lottery for a million gifts. He is a resident of New York.

TWO SISTERS DEAD TOGETHER

DOUBLE SUICIDE, THE COUNTY PHYSICIAN THINKS

Frances and Isabel Ritchie found in Their Kitchen in Newark—Isabel Had Hanged Herself—Frances Dead on Floor—Hatpin Through Her Heart.

The lifeless bodies of Miss Frances Ritchie and her sister, Isabel Ritchie, were found yesterday in the kitchen of their home at 45 Marshall street, Newark. One of the women had been stabbed through the heart with a hatpin and strangled. The other was hanging by a rope and she had been stabbed half a dozen times with a hatpin.

According to County Physician McKee the women, both of whom were about 55 years old, had been dead for many days. The doctor fixed the date from a note which was written on the cover of a white box found on the sideboard in the dining room. The note reads: "Frances hung herself, 24 Saturday, Me too."

The authorities are trying to determine whether it was a murder and suicide or a double suicide.

As neither woman had been seen since December 11 the county physician thinks that it was a week ago on Saturday when the double tragedy occurred. Frances, who was the elder, was found lying on the kitchen floor between a window looking out into the yard and a door at the head of the cellar stairs.

It